

**Beyond Health Fairs & Fact Sheets –** 

**Planning Health Communication** 

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#### Elements of the Marketing Mix – 4 P's

- PRODUCT (or service)
  - What is it?
- PRICE
  - What cost is involved
  - (financial, time, emotional, physical, spiritual)?
- PLACE
  - Where do we offer our product?
- PROMOTION





#### What are we selling?

- Our product:
  - Public health
    - Keeping people safe
    - Keeping people healthy





## Kate's Mantra....repeat after me:

#### WHO IS YOUR AUDIENCE?

- General public has several "market segments" or "targets"
- Internal audiences employees, stakeholders

Handout: Communication Planning Worksheet





## Communication Planning 101 – Journalist's 5 W's and an H

- Who
- What
- Where

- When
- Why
- How





#### **Elements of the Plan**

- WHAT
- SO What?
- NOW What

Handout: Communication Planning Elements





#### **Definitions**

- Health education: Planned combination of learning experiences about health for individuals, groups, or communities. Green & Kreuter 1999
- Health communication: The art and technique of informing, influencing, and motivating individual, institutional, and public audiences about important health issues. Ratzan 1994
  - Healthy People 2010-Chapter 11





## Health communication & promotion

- Inform
- Persuade
- Move to action







#### **Communication Planning 101 -- WHO?**

Kate's Mantra....repeat after me:

WHO IS YOUR AUDIENCE?

WHO are YOU?





#### WHO are YOU?

- White
- Over 50
- Master's degree
- Single parent
- I don't get algebra
- Speak English y un poco (a little) Spanish



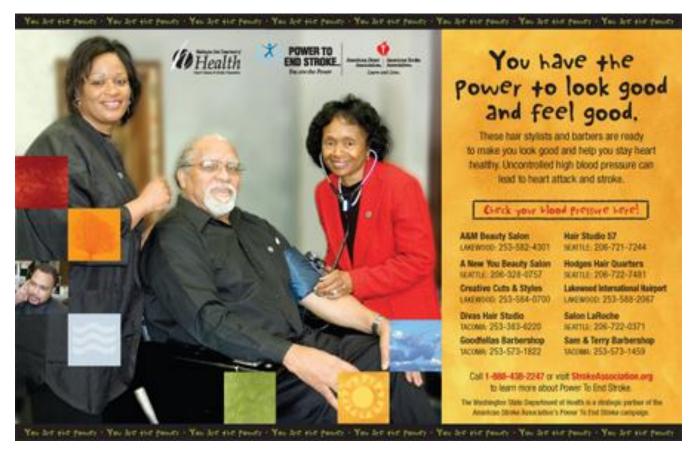


#### WHO are YOU?

- Black
- Age 30
- High school graduate
- Single parent
- Active in church
- Love to cook







## PUBLIC HEALTH ALWAYS WORKING FOR A SAFER AND HEALTHIER WASHINGTON



## ¡Buenos dias! ¿Habla español?

Good morning!

Do you speak Spanish?





### Maybe it is time to learn!



- 1 out of 10 in United
   States speak Spanish
- Spanish usage grew
   50% during 1990s
- United States most multilingual

Tres Historias de la Vida





## Hispanics/Latinos in Washington

- In 1990, Latinos made up 4.4% of population
- In 2000, Latinos made up 7.5%
- In 2008, Latinos made up 9.3%
- More than half (54%) of Latinos live in western Washington
- Estimated 2008 population 613,929

Sources: U.S. Census 2000 and state population estimates – Washington State Office of Financial Management





## **Starting points**

- U.S. Census:
- www.census.gov
- Washington Census data:
  - Office of Financial Management: <a href="http://www.ofm.wa.gov/census2000/default.asp">http://www.ofm.wa.gov/census2000/default.asp</a>





### **Healthy People 2010**

- Effective health promotion should be audience-centered
- Communication needs to reflect audience preferences:
  - Format
  - Media choice (TV, radio, Web, etc.)





## **KNOW** your audience

- Literacy data
  - 90 million U.S. adultsmarginal literacy
- Internet access
- Cultural filters







#### Internet access

- Who is online?
  - 75% of Americans
  - 9 out of 10 school children
  - 80% seeking health information

- Who is not online?
  - Older, poorer, less educated, minority
  - Rural (36%)
  - No high school diploma (62%)
  - Over 61 (63%)
  - www.pewinternet.org 2006





## Age – strong predictor for Internet use

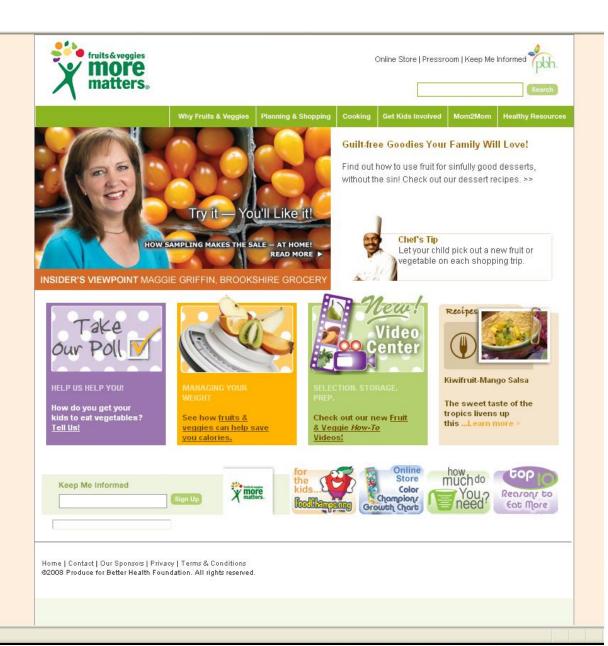
Generation Name	Ages in 2009	% of total adult population	% of Internet-using population
Gen Y (Millennials)	18-32	26%	30%
Gen X	33-44	20%	23%
Younger Boomers	45-54	20%	22%
Older Boomers	55-63	13%	13%
Silent Generation	64-72	9%	7%
G.I. Generation	73+	9%	4% PUBLIC

- Pew Internet Project 2009





Target:
Gen X Moms





## Internet trends – young people

- Ages 18-32 most likely to use Internet for entertainment
- Ages 12-32 more likely to read and write blogs
- Teen and Gen Y users more likely to use social networking and instant messaging





#### Internet trends – older adults

- Ages 33-72 more likely to visit government
   Web sites
- 'Silver Tsunami' Biggest increase in 70-75 age group – 45% currently online
- Email remains most popular online activity among older users





#### People with chronic disease

- 1/5 of Americans have disability or chronic disease
- 86% of Internet users with disability or chronic illness search for health information
- More likely to use Internet to make decisions about treatment, diet, and exercise





#### **Health Online**

- 80% of Internet users 113 million people search for health information online
- Most start with general search engine, such as Google or Yahoo
- 75% get online health advice without checking source and date of health information





#### Social networking

- 35% Internet users age 18+ have online profile
- 65% of teens have online profile
- 75% of 18-24 year olds
- 30% of 35-44 year olds
- 11% of online adults use 'microblogging' services like Twitter





## Who is networking online?

- 68% are students
- Median age for sites:
  - Twitter 31
  - MySpace 27
  - Facebook 26
  - LinkedIn 40





#### Culture...

 Offers a selective SCREEN between humans and the outside world.

 Tells us what to pay ATTENTION to and what to IGNORE.

"Beyond Culture," Edward T. Hall





## In 2030 - nearly 1 in 3 in Washington will be a person of color

- Asian, Pacific Islander, and Hispanic largest and fastest growing groups
- 'Two or More Races' most rapid growth
- Black population will grow 60 %
- Indians/Alaska Natives- 50 % increase
- Non-Hispanic White population-11% decrease
  - Washington State Office of Financial Management





### **Ethnic Mix in Washington 2008**

• 76% White

9% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)

7% Asian & Pacific Islander

3.4% Black/African-American

1.4% Am. Indian/Alaskan Native

3% Two or more races





#### **Communication Planning 101 -- WHAT?**

- What do you want to communicate about?
- What would motivate your audience to pay attention or take action? (So What?)
- What outcome do you want? (Now What?)





#### Communication plan-put it in writing:

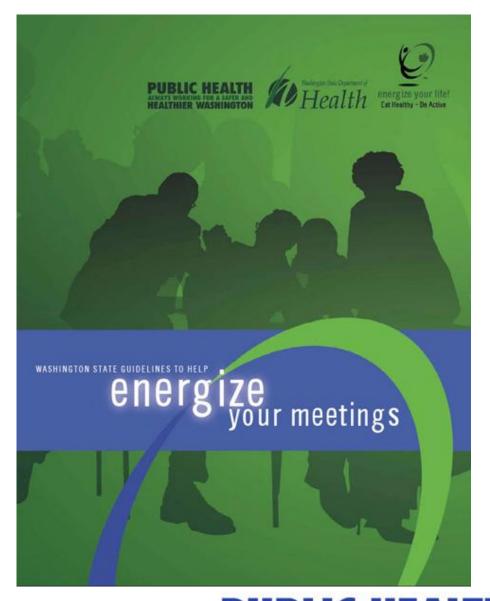
- All written, spoken, and electronic interactions with your audiences
- Organizational objectives
- Audiences you wish to reach
- Timetable, tools, budget
- Evaluation of results





#### **Energize Your Meetings**

- Target Audience-Meeting planners
- Secondary audience-Caterers







#### **Energize Your Meetings- Department of Health**

#### **Communication products**

- Colorful guide
- Faxable recommended foods
- Table tents
- Instructions for meeting planners
- Targeted PowerPoint presentations

#### **Communication strategies**

- Post on intranet wellness page
- Presentations
  - Program staff
  - Policy makers
  - Program managers
- Articles in staff e-newsletter





## **Energize Your Meetings- Outcomes**

- Agency policies/procedures changed to encourage healthy meeting guidelines
- Administrative staff using Energize Your Life
- Healthier meetings and events



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